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ALONG THE COAST.

Interesting Occurrences From all Over the Coast.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

A Number of Miscellaneous Jottings Briefly and Curtly Told in This Column.

An asbestos ledge has been unearthed near Mesa Grande.

Santa Monica's $15,000 school bond issue carried by a vote of 155 to 20.

Lompoc, in Santa Barbara county, reports new oil prospects just discovered.

Riverside county expects to produce 1,000,000 sacks of wheat and barley this year.

The Bakersfield Echo advocates the establishment of a trout farm in Kern river, in a canyon not far from Bakersfield.

The Murphy-Grant property, corner of Bush and Sansome streets, San Francisco, has been sold to the Luning estate for $480,000.

Lodi apricot growers are receiving five and a half and six cents for their crops, in sacks. Moorparks command eight and nine cents.

Jacob Wilson, who came to Stockton, Cal., as a tramp, has just inherited part of a $15,000,000 state left by his father in New York.

The San Diego M. & M. will consider the proposition of a lower coast Mexican steamer line. Los Angeles is at present working for the same end.

Fire has destroyed the Morgan House on upper Main street, in Grass Valley. Only a few pieces of furniture were saved. The building was insured for $2,500.

George T. Parr, representative of G. W. McNear of San Francisco, at Delano, purchased $30,000 worth of wheat at Delano during the month of August.

The Rose Tournament Association at Pasadena, in its annual report shows total receipts of $1096.76, and disbursments of $1051.62. The tournament is to be continued.

D. W. Swift of Clovis, Fresno county, was convicted of practicing medicine with out a license, and is now serving twenty-five days in the county jail therefor.

The Delhi creamery near Santa Ana, the third to be established in Orange county, has been formally opened. It has a separating capacity of 35,000 pounds of milk an hour.

The Coburn sawmill on Upper Tule river will close down, owing to the low price at which lumber is selling at Porterville and Lindsay, the points the mill is expected to supply.

The State Bureau of Highways has addressed the Board of Supervisors on the subject of a new boulevard to connect San Mateo county with the famous Balboa boulevard at San Francisco.

Captain James E. Wright, master of the schooner Nereid of San Diego, has been found guilty of smuggling seven coolies from Ensenada into the United States and landing them at San Juan Capistrano.

John Kelso, a sub-contractor on the new Postoffice site at San Francisco, has been arrested on a charge of violating the National Eight-Hour law. Kelso will be prosecuted by the central labor bodies.

James Elven, a deck hand on the river steamer Ocean Wave, at Portland, Oregon, while casting off the fenders preparatory to the steamer's making a landing, fell into the river and was drowned.

There are no fish in Crater lake, Or., the deepest fresh water lake in the world, and the Government has decided to stock it with trout. The natives used to say that the lake was bottomless, but soundings have shown its greatest depth to be 2000 feet.

Benjamin Zoeckler, of Phœnix, Arizona, one of the most extensive cattle dealers in the Southwest, killed himself by a pistol shot back of the ear. Business reverses had depressed Zoeckler for a month past, and his suicide is attributed to despondency.

A co-operative fruit evaporator and cannery in Azusa is one of the possibilities of the immediate future. A small experimental evaporator has been in use for two years and has proved successful. A feature of the work is the evaporation of vegetables.

Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army will arrive in San Francisco shortly for the purpose of viewing the land secured for colonization purpose in Monterey county. In the meantime the Citizens' Committee will endeavor to raise the $10,000 necessary to secure the success of the project.

Sigmund Morris, who is said to be wanted by the Federal authorities in Brooklyn, N. Y., for an alleged illegal use of the mails in connection with a fraudulently directory scheme, appeared before Commisioner Heacock, and waiving preliminary examination, was held to answer, and will be taken East immediately.

The Supreme Court at San Francisco has decided that the buildings and improvements on the Lincoln School lots at Fifth and Market streets, in that city, belong to the school department, and not to individuals who erected them. By the decision, which reverses the judgment of the Superior Court, the city is enriched by $100,000.

The Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific has adopted a new system of ratting insurance premiums which will be put in force in all the towns of the coast. The new system is a perfection of what is called the mercantile system. A result of its adoption will be a reduction of premiums and a general readjustment of rates.

The Duarte-Monrovia Fruit Exchange this year shipped 52,460 boxes of oranges, receiving therefor $75,383-.38 net cash paid to growers, $56,162-.56. The cost of handling the fruit was reduced 1½ cents per box. The exchange also handled 188 tons of apricots for its members, paying, after deducting all expenses, $8.13 per ton.

Foreclosure proceedings are under way against the Redondo Beach property, involving the largest forclosure ever effected in Los Angeles, except the old cable railway. The amount asked is over $600,000. Judge Lamme and E. E. Milliken are attorneys for the plaintiffs, and E. K. Blades, attorney, in the Stowell Block, is the commissioner appointed by the court to sell the property.

The forest fires which started on the Brown ranch in the upper Carmel valley, near Monterey, about two weeks ago, and which has raged constantly since, destroying valuable timber, as well as grain, stock pasturage, barns and other ranch buildings, has finally been controlled. The fire extended over an area of more than thirty square miles and caused great loss to the ranches in the district.

The first car of raisins for the season of 1897 was recently shipped to Philadelphia from Fresno by Chaddock & Co. This is a very early shipment. The indications are for a short crop and increased prices, which cause considerable friction between packers, and growers. Just now the growers, who control the situation, demand 3½ to 4c per pound cash in the sweat boxes, which is being met slowly by the buyers.

NEWS NOTES.

Seven persons were fatally poisoned recently in Calloway county, Kentucky, by eating a poisoned melon stolen from a neighbor's melon patch.

Residents of Wheeling, West Virginia, have recently presented the gun boat Wheeling, now completed at San Francisco, with an elegant silver and crystal service.

A special to the Denver, Colorado, Times from Washington says: There is just now a large demand upon the Treasury Department for small coins to assist in the movement of crops.

The National Executive Board of the United Mine Workers have agreed to recommend to the miners a proposition of the mine operators at Pittsburg to pay sixty-five cents a ton until the end of the year.

The Treasury Department has concluded that it cannot legally enforce the provisions of the Dingley tariff law forbidding the insertion of prize coupons and other gift devices in packages of cigarettes and smoking tobacco.

A proposition has been made to obtain from the Federal Government the collection of Grant relics presented to the National Museum in New York by Mrs. Grant and deposit them in the large room in the northeast corner of the mausoleum.

In some of the mining districts of the eastern States the strike is practically ended. The plan now is for the miners to return to work at the rate of 64 cents per ton, and continue at work during the time that the settlement by arbitration is pending.

A Wichita, Kansas, man has invented an appliance which he says is to be attached to brooms used in hospitals. It is a tank to hold disinfectants, and is so arranged that the stroke of the broom feeds the liquid to the straws, distributing it regularly as the broom is drawn over the floor.

The Bank of Durand at Rocksford, Ill., has closed its doors, and Charles A. Norton, cashier and general manager of the institution, has disappeared. He is said to have forged the names of prominent farmers to twenty-seven notes for various amounts. The bank had deposits amounting to about $30,000.

Charles W. Caryl, a prominent mining man of Denver, Col., proposes to present to the miners' meeting in Chicago the latter part of the present month a scheme for the solution of the labor problem. Mr. Caryl proposes to incorporate a company with a capital of $10,000,000, which is to engage in all kinds of productive industry. Stock is to be sold at par and money is also to be raised by the sale of bonds, due in twenty-five years, bearing 6 per cent interest and payable in gold.

Deciduous Pruning.

Pruning deciduous fruit trees is a subject generally treated of during the winter months, says the California Fruit Grower. That we may "prune whenever the knife is sharp," or whenever there is no fruit ready to pick, should be considered an axiom in horticulture. This is modified, like all other methods, according to environment. In California, where hot, dry summers prevail, trees may be pruned while in leaf with less chances of injury than where summer rains are frequent. This again must be modified where water is supplied artificially, as in the irrigated districts.

The current season's growth should never be cut back except when dormant. To shorten in the growing shoots in the summer will merely cause buds to "break" lower down, with a resulting bush of weak laterals. Where these shoots are too thick and crowded they may be cut out entirely, next to the older wood.

As a result of a raid on a moonshine distillery in the mountains of Pope county, Arkansas, two officers were killed, two mortally wounded, and the remaining two of the posse are either dead or in the hands of the bandits.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Condensed Telegraphic Reports of Late Events.

BRIEF SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Budget of News For Easy Digestion—All Parts of the Country Represented—Interesting Items.

There are now 14,650 boxes of lemons on the way to New York from Mediterranean points.

The first cargo of corn to be shipped to France for years was taken out from Philadelphia recently.

A fire originating in a lumber mill nearly destroyed the town of Cairo, in West Virginia. The loss is $50,-000.

The Falls Company, manufacturers of cotton goods, at Norwich, Conn., have started up on full time, giving employment to 500 hands.

The Washington woolen mills at Fredericksburg, Va., will voluntarily advance the wages of a large number of operatives ten per cent.

Dennie, Deegan and Cowden have sold their gold mine in Humboldt county, Nevada, to J. W. Brim of Williams, Cal., for $16,000.

Fire has destroyed ten business houses and one residence in Hillsboro, Iowa, leaving only two business houses standing. Loss, $60,000; insurance, $20,000.

The government has cut off all rations to the Apache Indians, except flour, and now there is danger of an Indian uprising in Arizona and New Mexico.

Secretary Alger has ordered three corps of cavalry from Fort Apache to the Zuni Indian country in New Mexico. A religious outbreak there threatens lawlessness.

A great deal of damage was caused at Middleton, N. Y., by a cloudburst. The rain came down in torrents. Cellars were filled, and sewers are beyond their capacity.

The burning of a furniture warehouse in Pittsburg, Penn., caused a damage to the building and adjoining property estimated at $165,000. Two fiermen were killed by falling walls.

Mrs. Frances Key Howard, the daughter of Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star Spangled Banner," died recently in Wheeling, West Virginia, at the age of 79 years. Mrs. Howard was the last survivor of the family of Francis Scott Key.

During the past week sixteen ironworks and fifteen woolen mills have started up, and the prices in steel are said to be growing stronger. The bank clearings during the week show an increase of forty per cent over the corresponding week of last year.

The suspension of Parker, Sampson, Adams & Co., a boot and shoe wholesale house of Boston, is announced. The company organized in January, 1896, with $100,000 capital, but suffered heavily from over-buying and losses through unwise credits.

The Bureau of American Repullics at Washington will issue a bulletin on the Nicaraguan Canal in a few days. Directors Smith, the author of the bulletin, states that he believes the present administration will prosecute the Nicaraugan Canal enterprise.

Wild horses have become a nuisance in Northern Arizona, and Attorney-General Fraser has been asked if they may not be legally slaughtered. They have rapidly increased in number, and have become wilder than deer and vicious as well. The matter has been referred to the Livestock Board.

Up to the first of August, 1966 carloads of California fruit had been shipped this season to eastern points, as against 1405 carloads last year. The following cities took 30 carloads or over: New York, 299; Chicago, 186; Philadelphia, 74; Omaha, 53; Minneapolis, 41; Denver, 30; Montreal, 30.

Unless the Colorado Midland and Denver and Rio Grande railroads agree to reduce the freight rates on silver ore from Aspen to Denver it is probable that all of the big silver-producing properties of the rich Aspen district will be closed down. The mine-owners feel confident that their request for lower rates will be favorably acted upon.

The great Yerkes telescope at Chicago has unmasked sideral objects hitherto unseen. The great lens has been focussed into space and the light-gathering power of the glass has been proved perfect. It far surpasses the thirty-six-inch lens of the Lick Observatory, and Professor Burnham says it is the most powerful telescope in the world.

From present indications trouble will follow an attempt to eject the intruders from the Cherokee Nation in Arkansas. When the Cherokee strip was sold the Government promised to put out all the intruders, but upon one technicality or another, 5000 have managed to remain. The Government has decided to take a firm stand, however, and has ordered their removal forthwith. Agent Wisdom will undertake the task at once.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of Idaho nullifying a majority of Idaho's laws may result in liberating a large number of convicts now in the penitentiary. Most of the criminals sent up since 1893 were convicted on information of the attorney without indictment. The act providing for information passed in 1891 is said to be unconstitutional under the Supreme Court decision, and habeas corpus proceedings will secure freedom for a number of men.

FOREIGN NEWS.

General Azcarraga is to retire from the Spanish Premiership.

The Bank of Germany has raised its rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The Egyptian cotton crop for the current year was 584,390,000 pounds.

A New York insurance company is getting a good deal of lucrative business in China.

The Spanish Government is formulating a plan to bring about the banishment of all anarchists from Spain.

It is reported that the Spanish Government is making an inspection of the coast defenses of the United States.

A rebellion is now in progress in the district of Yang Chan, China. The malcontents are said to number 10,000.

The bubonic plague has broken out in the city of Foo-chow, China, and the people are said to be dying very rapidly.

Several villages were destroyed and 500 people killed by a volcanic eruption of Mount Mayan, in the Philippine Islands.

Baril, the Anarchist, who attempted to assassinate the Chief of Police at Barcelona, Spain, has been sentenced to 40 years' imprisonment.

The petition, which has nearly 500 signatures, was circulated by the American Purity Alliance, of which Rev. Dr. Aaron Powell is president.

The porter of the Paris bourse recently died, leaving a fortune of $50,-000. He had been employed thirty years at a salary of $240 a year. He got rich on "tips."

The death is announced in London of Charles George Percival, seventh Earl of Egmont. The deceased was born June 15, 1845, and succeeded his uncle the sixth Earl in 1874.

The schooner Sophia Sutherland, in charge of the South Sea Commercial company, has left San Francisco for the South Sea Islands, where it is said rich mines of gold quartz are.

A company has been formed in Sedalia, Missouri, to operate alleged fabulously rich placer and gold bearing quartz mines in the inland mountain ranges on the Mexican west coast.

It is announced in Madrid that anarchists will no longer be allowed to land in Spain, and that the Government will deport some to the American Republic, or to a distant Spanish possession.

The oldest London theaters are: Drury Lane theater opened 1663; Sadler's Wells, started as an orchestral assembly-room [illegible] Haymarket, 1720; Covent Garden, 1732; and Lyceum, 1795.

Severe fighting continues between the Kurds and Armenians, on the Persian frontier. It is stated that the Kurds were defeated in a recent engagement, with the loss of their leader and 300 men.

The peace negotiations between the powers and Turkey have now been taken out of the hands of the ambassadors, and the cabinets of the various countries interested will deal with the difficulty direct.

A steamship line from the Gulf to the principal points of Central America and the West Indies is to be put into operation by the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railroad. The line will be in operation within thirty or sixty days.

The revolution in Uruguay seems to be in no way affected by the assassination of President Borda. Fighting continues, and the rebels claim that if the president's probable successor is elected, the end of the revolution will be farther off than before.

The Indian rebels that are causing so much trouble for the English in India are said to be well armed with Lee-Metford and Martini rifles. The Sultan is manifesting great interest in the spread of the rebellion, and is kept informed by telegraph of every development in the situation.

Ships of the English navy are making trial of the coal lately discovered in Newfoundland, and the people of the province are earnestly hoping it wil meet the requirements, believing that the outcome would be the establishment of a British dockyard and naval station at St. John.

A Japanese newspaper, published in Yokohama states that the Japanese commissioner to the conference to be held in Washington, on the sealing question, will be instructed to side with the representatives of the United States in plans for the protection of the seal herds of Alaskan waters.

Mohammed Nouri Bey, of the Turkish foreign office in Constantinople, states that the Armenian revolutionists are all pupils and proteges of the American mission schools at Marsvan, Bitlis, Erzeroum and Van, and that the activity of these schools is a curse to both Armenia and Turkey.

The State Department is informed that the Dominion Government of Canada has reduced the fees of the dry dock at Kensington 50 per cent, a matter of interest to the United States shipping on the Great Lakes. A protest against the proposed State regulation of vice in India, in the form of a petition bearing the names of prominent men and women in many parts of the United States, has been sent from New York to Queen Victoria.

The Customs Department of Canada has been advised that a firm in Jackson, Mich., has been shipping forks, rakes, etc., made by prison labor into Canada. These classes of goods are prohibited under the new law. Collectors of Customs have been advised to permit all goods from countries entitled to preferential treatment to get the benefit of the reciprocal clause, whether shipped direct or otherwise. The order does not apply to the United States.

FOR THE FARMERS.

Some Interesting News for the Ruralist

SPOKEN OF IN THIS COLUMN.

A Few Sensible Hints to Suit the Busy Agriculturist.—Items That May Benefit our Readers.

Profits in Honey.

Fresh evidence is continually coming to the front of the many opportunities that are offered to home-seekers in Califrornia, says the Oakland Tribune. It has long since been demonstrated that a man with five acres of good land in California can clear up more than with a quarter of a section in the East.

One of the least exploited of these small farm industries is as regards making honey. With a practically perpetual summer and the ever-recurring blossoming of wild flowers, it is no task for the bees to store up the toothsome extract and the business takes a comfortable little adjunct to a farmer's income. An idea of what can be done in this line has just been given by an up-country farmer. "I took up bee culture," he said, "because it was little trouble and paid good money. Three years ago I invested $100 in bees and stands. This season my first crop of honey amounted to 550 cases of about four pounds to the case, my second crop will reach two hundred pounds, my third two hundred, and my fourth one hundred, the crops coming off respectively in the months of June, August, September and October. I get from eight to ten cents a pound for the honey and am not able to supply the demand."

At an average of nine cents a pound this cleared up $243—a nice little side issue. The business is in fact best adapted for small farms instead of being conducted on a large scale, for in order to make big profit, it would be necessary to keep such huge swarms of bees that the adjacent country would have a hard time to furnish the necessary material. With the industry going on a comparatively small scale at places scattered here and there, the bees would have plenty of territory to work on and there would be no question as to the results. Let more of our Alameda county farmers go into the business. There is a permanent market for the honey in San Francisco and no county in the State is better adapted for bees than ours, so why not take advantage of it?

Protecting Farming.

The United States Agricultural Department is doing a great deal of hard work to save the farmer from being fooled and defrauded in the purchase of seeds, says the S. F. Call. Attention should be called to this in order that the efforts of the government may be properly appreciated by the people they are trying to serve, and in order that farmers may be able to profit by the work performed.

In some recent seed investigations it was discovered that thousands of pounds, probably tons, of grass and clover seed are annually shipped into the country which are mixed with those of many kinds of injurious weeds. Not only are the old pests of the field thus sown and spread, but new varieties of nuisances are being introduced. Paying high prices for this trash would be bad enough, but this is not the worst of it; the weeds once established on the farms are very difficult to eradicate and they become a permanent injury to the land.

A recent report of the department mentions particularly in this regard a certain "German coffee berry," which is now being extensively advertised as an economical substitute for genuine coffee. This can be bought cheaply in many places where it is known as the common Soja bean.

The necessity of caution in seed buying is made more plain by the statement that some seedmen doing a large business will sometimes sell half a dozen different varieties of seed out of the same bin. From this it can be realized how, by giving the same seed a multitude of names, the business of "novelty seeds" can be made to flourish.

This commendable work of the department in seed testing is of great magnitude. This year the experts have already made half a million tests. They have a collection of 15,000 vials of seeds from all over the world to aid them in identifying the foreign seeds shipped to this country. Farmers should keep themselves posted about the results of these labors and buy only seeds recommended by competent authority.

Wheat is King.

The calculations recently made of the probable gain to the farmer of California by the rise in wheat values need revision in view of the continued advance, and the promise that this advance will hold for the season, says the S. F. Examiner. Since July in this market milling wheat has advanced 35 cents per cental, and shipping qualities have had an almost equal lift. As compared with last year at this date, wheat is worth 65 cents per cental more than on August 21, 1896.

These are handsome figures, and their chief beauty lies in the fact that the farmer will this year reap the largest share of the benefit from the increase. It is not an unfair estimate to place the yield of California this year at 25,000,000 centals. That is some 2,000,000 centals less than last year's crop, according to the returns of the Department of Agriculture. The report from the several counties in the State indicate loss and gain. Some counties show an increase and others the reverse. On the whole, the gains do not seem to offset the losses. At present prices, therefore, the wheat crop of California should be worth over $41,000,000, or nearly $15,000,000 more than a large crop was worth at this time last year. A difference of $15,000,000 in the pockets of the farmer, comparing one year with another, means a great deal. It is in fact the difference between bankruptcy and a comfortable balance, for it is an admitted fact that the prices prevailing for the past five years have meant insolvency for wheat farmers. It has so happened that even for a longer period wheat prices have stood at a low level while the crop was in first hands. This year the advance came in time to help the farmers rather than the speculators.

Citrus By Products.

Since it has become certain that the exporting of Italian oranges and lemons to the United States will be much decreased by the new tariff, says the Los Angeles Times, the Italians are considering various means of relieving the glut of fruit which it is expected there will be in coming seasons. Among other suggestions, one Italian paper published in Catania urges that the Italian government assist in the establishment of great industrial establishments, where the crude lemon juice can be worked into citrate of lime or crystallized citric acids, and other similar products, by which means the market would be relieved of a vast quantity of poor lemons. The following resolution is suggested for the Italian Assembly to adopt:

"Considering that to solve the grave crisis, it would be efficacious to establish an industry which would withdraw from exportation the poorer qualities of the citrus fruit and put them to use in the manufacture of products, derived from the raw material, the government is prayed that whenever large establishments with that object in view are started, there shall be accorded to them immunity from taxes for a period of at least ten years, and that likewise, in justice and equity, the same favor be granted to similar establishments already existing; and,

"Resolved, that a premium be awarded to that industrial establishment manufacturing citrus products which shall best correspond with the plans of the council in the creation of new factors of activity likely to relieve the crisis."

Hop Lice Spray.

The following practical formula is given for an emulsion which will not injure the hop vines and will kill the lice: Cut up one-half pound of hard soap, put into a gallon of rain water and place it on the stove, leaving it there until it comes to boiling point, or until all the soap is dissolved. Then remove to some convenient place in the yard and add two gallons of kerosene. The mixture should now be thoroughly stirred with a syringe or force pump, or if a spraying apparatus is at hand, run the emulsion through the sprayer two or three times, or beat vigorously with a paddle for 15 or 20 minutes. When completed the emluison will look like thin buttermilk, and will adhere without oiliness to the surface of glass. Add 15 gallons of rain water for every gallon of emulsion, so the three gallons of emlusion can be added to 45 gallons of rain water. If the emulsion has not been thoroughly mixed, globules of oil will separate and rise to the surface of the emulsion and will produce white spots on the leaves. The most satisfactory way of applying the emulsion is by means of a knapsack sprayer, which can be bought at a moderate price. The spray can be regulated to suit the needs of the operator and it is easily applied by walking between the rows. There is also an attachment for reaching the vines where on high poles.

Poultry Pointers.

The color of the comb has more to do with the laying of the fowl than the size. We have never noticed that Wyandottes with small combs were inferior layers to those with very large combs. Redcaps have the most magnificent combs, as far as size is concerned, of all domestic fowls, and while they are good layers there are other breeds with small combs that excel them. We believe that the egg trait must be developed in a strain of fowls by a thorough and systematic selection, and not depending on external signs alone.

Begin now to weed out the old and unprofitable hens. They will very soon stop laying, and should go to market before the stock of chickens gets too abundant. Kill every hen not wanted for breeding as soon as she stops laying. It is easy in this way to very materially cut down expenses. The economy of poultry keeping is something to be studied and here is one step not to be neglected.

The selection of a breed depends entirely on what it is wanted for. Those that lay the most eggs do not always furnish them when the prices are highest, nor do the most profitable layers make the most desirable market poultry, hence it is that our requirements of poultry must be considered in selecting the breed.

A rumor comes from Alaskan sources to the effect that certain United States commissioners, recently sent into eastern Alaska, are there for the purpose of assuming control of a large portion of the Klondike region. If the rumor proves correct, there will be serious trouble between the United States and Canada.

Telephone connection was formally opened recently between Minneapolis and New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, and other large cities. The wires worked well over the whole distance, although the atmospheric conditions were not the best.

DESERTING SKAGUAY.

Despairing Gold Seekers Turn Back From the Trail.

EXODUS BEGINS IN REAL EARNEST.

Ninety Per Cent of the Argonauts Give Up the Attempt to Reach Dawson—The Klondike a Burst Bubble.

Juneau, Alaska (By steamship George E. Starr to Seattle). — The much-vaunted Skaguay is a "busted" community. Her glory as the gate to the Klondike has tumbled to earth even as the columns of Carthage and Rome have fallen. Even hope has left the city of tents, and despair, which has hovered with wild eyes over the scene for weeks, has taken possession.

An exodus from Skaguay has begun. The Klondikers are flocking in all directions. The steamship George E. Starr, now lying here for a half hour taking in water, is crowded with returning Klondikers. Before she left Skaguay notices reading, "Excursion rate of $20 to Seattle by this ship," were posted on her sides and on Broadway and other conspicuous thoroughfares. This is just half the regular rate from the head of Lynn Canal to Puget Sound. This was the kind of a chance that the disappointed Klondikers had been waiting for, and they flocked aboard the Starr and turned their faces toward homeward. The Starr got most of the passengers booked for the steamship Willamette at $30 a head. The Willamette met the Starr's cut and will leave Skaguay, returning by way of Sitka.

Steamships which have been busy all season and loaded to the gunwales with Klondikers are now busy carrying them back again. The Starr came in here with the passengers shouting from the decks with evident satisfaction: "The bottom has fallen out of Skaguay. She is a busted town." Others are flocking to Dyea and will make a plunge to get over the Chilcoot Pass.

They have realized the availability of the Dyea trail too late. They cannot possibly get their outfits over and build boats at the lakes before the season closes. Only the men who have money are swarming from Skaguay to Dyea. Hundreds are stranded at Skaguay without a dollar, unable to leave the place and unable to get to the Klondike. Many of the men have mortgaged their all or spent all the money they could raise to find the land of gold, still as far away as when they left home. Many a strong man, finding himself in that position, has been moved to tears. Some have gone back from the trail and wept in silence and alone; others did not attempt to hide their bitter disappointment, but wept on the highway.

All the small steamers running from the head of Lynn canal to Juneau are crowded with men looking for board and lodging for the winter. The first comers will be successful, but the others cannot find accommodations here. An outfit of two tons of supplies on the summit of White Pass, which cost with the packing added $750, was sold for $150. Representatives of Juneau merchants, of salmon canneries and of stamp mills working quartz in Southeastern Alaska are buying up this stuff at from 5 to 10 cents on the dollar. Thousands of men on the trail are trying to sell their outfits for any price they can get in order to raise money to return home for the winter.

NEW STRIKE NEAR DAWSON.

Bonanza Discovery Made by Miners on Sulphur Creek.

Seattle, Wash.—John E. Light of Chicago, who arrived here yesterday from St. Michael on the steamer South Coast, reports that on the evening of his departure from Dawson a rich strike was made on Sulphur Creek and that it promised to prove a veritable bonanza. Sulphur Creek is tributary to Dominion Creek and Indian River and is in the very center of the gold fields.

The first prospectors and locators did exceedingly well and as high as $34 to the pan was taken out. The first prospect-holes proved very rich and some of the original locators more than earned wages while conducting simple prospect work. The news of the strike came to Dawson about the middle of August and there was an immediate rush to the creek. A large number of claims had been located when Light left Dawson. Light expresses the opinion that the creek will prove one of the richest in the district and add to the millions that it will produce this winter.

The Milwaukee Journal says that, in furtherance of a scheme which the Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburgh and the Baldwin Locomotive Works Company of Philadelphia planned a year ago, to absorb all of the more important independent manufactories of electric dynamos and motors, the combination, under the name of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, has bought out the interests of the Gibbs Electric Company of Milwaukee. The consideration is said to be $50,000.

The Minister of Customs of Canada has decided that hereafter petroleum imported in tank cars may be stored in bond in bulk. This is a concession to importers of American coal oil, as heretofore duty had to be paid on the entire consignment before the oil could be stored away. Under the new system an importer can bring in 500 gallons at a time by tank cars, store it in his warehouse, and pay the duty as he disposes of it in barrels.

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The Kansas farmer calls his wheat field his "Klondike."

Our C. E. visitors have returned home with many expressions of praise for their royal treatment received at the hands of our people.

A country editor wrote to his type house: "The Klondike fever has struck this town. Please send me four pounds of 'cap Ks' and the same amount of 'lower-case ks.'"

An enthuastic wheelman, who took his bike to Alaska, has shipped the machine back saying that the mosquitoes are so large and hungry that he cannot keep them them from puncturing his tires.

The "Klondike cocktail" is not likely to prove a popular drink When a man thinks of the awful suffering which whisky will probably cause in the country named, he does not feel disposed to be reminded of it every time he takes a drink.

A new potatoe digging machine has a steel pointed scoop to raise the potatoes and earth on a slotted elevator, over which a cylinder brush is revolving to seperate the potatoes from the dirt, after which the tubers are carried to a screne, which allows the small potatoes to fall into one box and the large ones into another box.

How does it come that it is much easier for a boy to learn some silly, nonsensical ballad or a darky stump speech than his Sunday School lesson, that he will nearly work himself to death in a foot-ball game, but will hardly move while by his dad's wood-pile; that he can walk easily five miles to see a horse race, but is too lame to run an erand for his ma; that he always has a headache when he must go to church, but would go to a circus if his head was ready to split?—Ex.

Here is a little item from an exchange that contains a great deal more truth than poetry:

"Some young men are content to wear overalls and plow shoes that are paid for. They are apt to have something laid up for old age. There is another class who want to wear the latest checkered shirt front, patent leather shoes, and tailor made suits of the latest patern and a nasty cigarette in his mouth, and they are not particular whether they are paid for or not, except the cigarette. The chances are that these will tramp the country and call the former selfish bloated capitalists.

The outlook at present indicates an exceedingly heavy yield of grapes from the vineyards in this vicinity. There seems to be a tangled difficulty relating to prices of wine between the wine-makers association and the wine-makers corporation, which may or may not affect the prices to be paid for grapes this season. Disinterested and unprejudiced parties take the broad view that, on account of the progressive movement of affairs in general, toward the inevitable prosperous condition of the business to which the country is now attaining, any contest which has the effect of causing any injury to the incomes of our grape growers must be closed at once, and the better spirit of harmony, co-operation and reciprocy be permitted to prevail.

With heavy crops, good prices and fair weather, the grape growers of California will be able this year to cancel mortages, pay current expenses and have enough left to pull through to the next season. "The dog in the manger" policy of by-gone years should be pushed out of sight and never again be allowed to have a place amongst these producers, manufactures and dealers. Let it be all together for the best interests of our good State of California.

A correspondent writes to ask what he can do to keep the neighbor's hens out of his garden Our devil answers it in this way: "Take a lot of small, stiff cards, about 1x2 inches; write on them: 'Please keep your darned old hens at home'. Tie a short string to each card, with a grain of corn at the other end of the string, and scatter them where the hens congregate. When the hungry biddy gobbles up the grain that draws the prize, she follows up the string, stowing it away until she comes to the card. Then you will see her put out for home, carying in her mouth your polite request."

WINS THE FIRST PRIZE.

"Benoit" Takes the Ribon Over All Compititors.

Word has been received from the State Fair at Sacramento, that Wm Bond, of this place has captured the Blue Ribon and the first prize of $40, with his fine imported black percheon stallion Benoit Mr. Martin Carter, who attended the Fair, and while judging the horses, said: "There was no draft horse on exhibition near his equal. Within the past year he has filled out and improved wonderfully."

This years' exhibition of all classes of stock compares favorably with the past, and in the draft horse class, quality and quantity far exceeds the exhibit of 1896.

Billy easily carried off all honors in his class and no doubt feels highly elated over his success of owning the Blue Ribon winner over all ehibitors in his class.

"Benoit" attracts a great deal of attention in the daily parades and all horsemen admit he is the finest specimen of a big draft horse exhibited at the Fair for many years, and a large number say they think he is the finest stallion in the State.

He far exceeds the expectations of the owner in the Show Ring, as he is a perfect mover and shows off to great advantage.

In the race-horse—trotting— department, we note two colts from this town, sired by Nutwood Wilkes which are right in line—J. McKerron being to the fore in the two-year old trotters, and Irvington Bell, a three year old pacer, holding her own in her class.

FIRE AT MISSION SAN JOSE.

A Barn and Contints Destroyed Early Monday Morning.

Flames were seen issuing from the barn of Frank Enos Monday morning at 8 o'clock and the fire bell soon sounded the alarm. The fire laddies of the Mission, together with their machine soon put in an appearance, and after hard work succeeded in keeping the fire from spreading The shed in the rear of J. Coffaney's stable, which was filled with vehihles of all descriptions soon caught fire but was partialy saved. The roof of Joe Sunderer's barn caught fire but the flames were extinguished before greatly damaged.

The origine of the fire is thought to be from tramps who had been sleeping in the barn and dropped a cigarette in the loose hay.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

A Large Gathering of Alameda County Societies at Irvington Sunday Afternoon and Evening.

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The thirty-fourth quarterly convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Alameda County was held with the Mizpah Union of Washington township in Irvington on Sunday afternoon and evening, and was the very best ever held in this county. The visitors from around the bay arrived on Saturday evening and were domiciled at the homes of the Christian people, not only of Irvington but also in our sister towns. In the evening at 8 o'clock meetings were held in the various towns by the local societies to consider "Methods and Service." Those who conducted the meetings were: Decoto, Geo. Wheeler; Niles, Grace Fisher; Irvington, H. A. Wastell; Curtner Seminary, Miss Luth; Warm Springs, Mrs. L. Baxley; Alvarado, Mrs. J. R. Cameron; Centreville, R. M. Brown; Newark, Miss Belle Garrett.

The usual preaching was given up in all the towns and at 11 a m simultaneous meetings were held devoted to "Sabbath Observance."

The convention proper opened in the large tent at this place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, where hundreds of Endeavorers gathered. A fine programme was carried out which proved quite profitable to all.

In the evening the tent was crowded an the services were entered into with a vim which proved that those taking part had their hearts in the work.

—NOTES—

The expense of erecting the large tnet amounted to about $40.

The delegates not only sang "Sunshine in my Soul" but certainly looked it as well

There were 260 delegates present as per names handed in by the chairman of each delesation.

This, the thirty-fourth quarterly convention, had the largest number of delegates present than at any previous one.

The report of the treasurer stated that they were out of debt and that only the expenses of the present convention had to be met.

Mr. Sam McCollough had charge of the musical part of the proceedings, and carried out his duties in a manner satisfactory to all.

The singing during the meetings was accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Cutler, the violin played by Georgia Cutler and the cornet by Leland Cutler.

Although the tent was large and of goodly seating capacity, yet the people kept coming till every seat was filled and plank seats had to be provided.

The Irvington male quartette, consisting of S. McCullough, H. E. Borst, H. Durham and Dr. Young, sang both afternoon and evening. The selections were fine and were intently listened to by the large audience.

Pres. George P. Lowell spoke in glowing terms of the hearty hospitality of the people of Irvington, and said it did his heart good to see such God-like actions.

Mrs W. H. Mack kindly donated the use of the lot on which the tent was erected, and the C. E's. of Washington township hereby sincerely thank her for her kindness.

Mrs. J. H. McCollough worked hard for nearly ten days in finding accomodations for the visiting delegates. How well she succeeded is better known by hearing the words of praise from the visiting members.

This committee deserves great credit for their untiring work in arranging details and making the convention the success it turned out to be: G. W. Willis, chairman; S. McCollough and H. C. Ingram.

The address on "Missionary Extension," by Miss M. L. Berry, was of a most instructive and entertaining character. The lady was at one time a missionary in China, and told of some of the horrors she witnessed in that heathen land.

The Irvington Seminary choir rendered several sellections in a beautiful manner, showing that considerable care had been given to the training of the young ladies for this special occasion. Their voices blended nicely—and Oh! so sweet.

The members of the various C. E. societies wish to sincerely thank all who so kinkly helped entertain the visitors in the many homes in Irvington and the surrounding towns. They received the visitors with open arms and did all in their power to make their stay as pleasant as possible.

The address of the evening was delivered by Mrs. Carrie Judd Montgomery on "The Christ Love." She held the audiance for nearly an hour and spoke in such happy way that at times the audience were at times nearly convulsed with laughter. But in her concluding remarks she was so serious that there was hardly a dry eye in the assembly.

Rev. J. H. McCollough oppened the afternoon meeting by reading from the Bible presented to the Alameda County Union by Secretary Baer on behalf of the United Society. This Bible was the one used at the great convention which was held in San Francisco, and each passage which was read during the great C. E. convention is marked. The book will be used on all future occasions, and will be passed from one set of officers to another.

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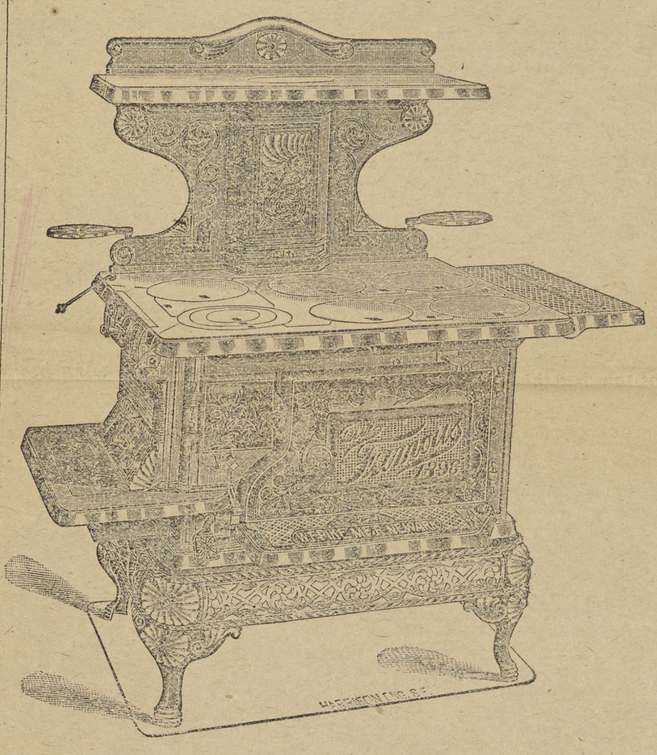

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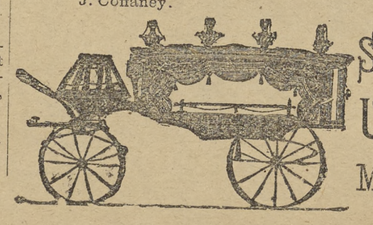

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Mission San Jose.

TOWN GOSSIP.

A number of town boys took in the circus at San Jose Monday eve

Tomorrow evening an executive session of the officers of Mizpah Union, C. E. will be held in the church.

The Palmdale winery commenced the seasons crushing of grapes Monday morning.

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A wedding will take place in the Catholic church at Mission San Jose the later part of the month, the contracting parties hailing from Irvington.

W. B. King, of Decoto is a very sick man. Dr. Dean, of Hayward is in attendance. His daughter, Mrs. Maurice Brewer, has gone to Decoto to remain during his illness

Mr. and Mrs. Werner have returned from their sojourn at the Springs. Mr. Werner reports the trip as doing him some good, but yet he is far from being a well man.

A number of our young men have joined the "Sugar Club" and can be seen in attendance daily from 6 a m to 6 p m.

When in need of the services of a Notary Public, be sure and call on A. S. Clark, at Clark Bros. store Irvington, who will attend to the swearing of all kinds of legal documents.

The "Press" office, Irvington, is prepared to execute all kinds of job printing, and any of our citizens needing work done should patronize the "Press" office and thereby help local industry.

A very social card party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Osgood on last Thursday evening. At midnight refreshments were served and a jolly hour spent at the festive board.

Painting in oil, water colors, crayon and china painting taught by Mrs. Elda Cutler, at the Curtner Seminary, Irvington. Class days Wednesday and Saturday of each week from 10 to 4 o'clock. Full days lesson $1 or 25 cents per hour.

Protestant, Episcopalian and Catholic prayer books. Latest magazines. Plain tissue paper. Novels rented out at 5 cents each. An assortment of books on hand suitable for birthday presents. R. B. Crowell's news stand, post-office, Irvington.

A. V. and V. E Bernal have been offered $29,000 for the estate of A. H. Bernal, deceased. It consists of property in Murray township near Sunol, consisting of 1,550.23 acres. The personal property of this estate will be sold at auction by W. T. Ralph, auctioneer, on Saturday, September 25th at 11 o'clock.

Grand Ball Tomorrow Night.

Tomorrow evening the Sunol Band gives their Grand Ball in Clark's Hall; and from all appearances there will be a good attendance. The music in itself is enough to draw a large crowd. The admission per couple is 50 cents and supper extra.

More Lady Bikers.

Miss Jordan, of the Curtner Seminary has purchased a fine all nickle Columbian bicycle of J. E. Jacobus of Niles, who is the township agent for that first class wheel. It arrived on Saturday evening and is a perfect beauty. Miss Durham has also placed an order with Mr. Jacobus for a Columbia wheel which will arrive about the last of this week.

Innitiated a Candidate.

Several Grand officers of the Rebekah Assembly were present at Aqua Pura Lodge last evening. A candidate was initiated, the beautified work being used during the ceremony, under the leadership of Miss Julia Rix. The festitivites closed with a banquet, which was, as usual, a perfect feast in all respects.

Home Again.

Lyman Babb and Tom Witherly have returned from their Trinity county trip. They had a good time but did not bring back any nuggets to give away.

FIRE BUGS ABOUT.

Mission San Jose Infested With a Gang of Unruly Tramps and Fire Fiends.

DO NOT HESITATE AT ROBBERY.

The people of Mission San Jose are living in a state of great unrest on account of the numerous incendiary fires which have taken place in the past week.

Monday morning the Enos barn with contents was burned. At 11 o'clock the same night a carriage shed on the Convent lot was fired, but the fire department extinguished the flames before much damage had been done. Two men, who wanted to sleep in the shed were driven out by Father McNaboe a few moments before. Shortly after two small out buildings on the same property were burned.

Soon after these fires the barn owned by P McKeany on Mission Peak was fired, and, with a blacksmith shop adjoining, was totally destroyed. Five sets of harness. a wagon and a revolving rake were burned. There was a small insurance on the barn but none on the contents

The fire-fiends, to make sure of their work, used coal oil.

The oldest son of Jack Stanley rode down to Irvington on his wheel Tuesday evening and while returning was held up by a msked man and his pockets searched but without reward, the boy, with cunning fore-thought, having slipped his watch into his shoe before leaving town, knowing of the desperate characters on the road. A number of Mission young men immediately started for the scene of the hold-up but could find no trace of the man.

A young fellow asked for a feed of grain for his horse at the Coffaney stable Tuesday morning. He said he had been robbed the night before of $20 and was broke. He and two companions had driven to Irvington and on the way back was relieved of his purse by one of the men with him.

The trouble is laid at the door of a large number of toughs who are lying around the Mission waiting for grape picking to begin.

A GREAT SUCCESS

Was the Social Dance in Clark's Hall Fridap Night.

The social dance in Clark's Hall Friday evening, given by Wm. B. Peterson, Frank Reynolds, Eugene Jarvis and Frank Garcia, four High school boys, was a great success, judging by the large number of young people present from our sister towns. Twenty couples were in the grand march, although there were fully fifty people in the hall.

The music was furnished by Professors Reichiel and Chadbourn and was of the best. A lunch was served in the supper room and was partaken of when the dancers felt so inclined.

PURELY PERSONAL.

H J. Waters represented the S. F. Call at the convention.

Morris Brewer has purchased a fine new two-seater and can be seen quite often out driving with his wife and babies.

D. W. Kratzer, who has been the principal of the Newark school for several terms, has been elected Principal of the Horace Mann evening school in San Francisco.

Will Erect a Big Tank.

Al Rix will shortly commence the erection of the ten thousand gallon tank, which will be built on the rear of Mr. H. Crowell's business lot. It will be used for furnishing water for our roads. The water will come from the Mission.

His Arm Broken.

Henry Crosby had the small bone of his right arm broken during the ball game at Newark Sunday. He was covering second base and in attempting to put out a runner hit him on the head with his forearm. He will be laid up some little time in consequence of the injuries received.

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NILES.

The drying season is nearly over at the drier, and the hundreds of fruit trays are being re-piled.

Bill Bliss has started out deer hunting with a party of gentlemen from Haywards. They will hunt in the mountains back of Sunol.

The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Dewey sister-in-law of John Harlan, took place yesterday, the body being intered in the Catholic cemetery at the Mission.

Thomas Murphy and M. Cavanaugh have leased the Warm Springs Hotel and will take posession the first of October. Mr. Pohlman has had to give up the place on account of ill health.

The bicycle party which lelt here Sunday morning for a spin to Alum rock, lost one of their party at Warm Springs. Do you really think he felt bad over the fact of being lelt?

The young people who are to take part in the farce "The Flower of the Family," are very busy with their rehersals. The entertainment is to be given in Ford's Hall on Friday evening, Sept. 17th, and is for the benefit of the piano fund. The teachers are hoping to raise enough to make a substantial fund as a beginning.

Rev. Father McNaboe is contemplating having considerable work done on the Catholic church. He sincerely hopes that ladies of the Niles parish will lend their aid to the Fair which will be held in Ford's hall commencing on the 14th inst. A fine 900 pound bell has arrived and will be placed in position as soon as the tower timbers have been strenghtened There is a debt on the church, and it is hoped that sufficent funds will be realized at the fair to pay expenses of the bell and the conteplated improvements.

ALVARADO.

The Degree of Honor A. O. U. W. will give a grand ball in the I O. O. F. Hall, Alvarado on Friday evening October 1st. A general invitation is extended to all to be present.

Auction Sale at Sunol.

An auction sale of the personal property of the estate of A. H Bernal, will take place at the ranch of Mrs A. H. Bernal on the Vallecitos road about two miles east of Sunol station, on Saturday the 25th instant at 11 o'clock sharp. A lunch will be served to those attending the auction. W. T. Ralph the auctioneer, informs us that the terms of the sale will be cash on the fall of the hammer. For full particulars see posters.

Again Victorious.

The Newark and Alviso teams crossed bats on the Newark grounds Sunday, and the ever victorious "Brownies" hung the scalps of their opponants to their belts. The score was 12 to 10.

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Order To Show Cause.

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.

In the matter of the estate of JAMES GRAHAM. Deceased.

Upon reading and filing the petition of SARAH GRAHAM, praying that the administratrix of the estate of JAMES GRAHAM. Deceased, be authorized, empowered and directed to mortgage the following described real property belonging to said estate, described as follows; towit:

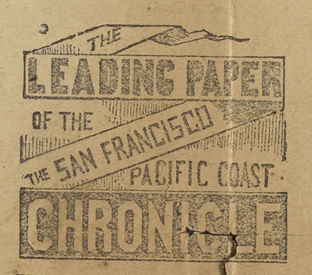
Beginning at a point on the South-westerly line of Grove street distant 245 feet South easterly from the South-westerly corner of Grove street and Wells avenue, as shown on the said map of the Town of Newark here-in-after refered to, thence running South easterly along said line of Grove street 150 feet, thence Southerly at right angles to Grove street 188 feet to a point distant 64 feet 1 inch from the North-easterly line of Railroad Avenue, as shown on said map, thence south-westerly paralel to Rail-road avenue and distant 64 feet and one inch therefrom, 150 feet 2 inches to a point on the line between lots 7 and 8 of Block 244, thence North-westerly along said line, between lots 7 and 8, 195 feet 2 inches to the point or place of beginning Being the North-easterly ¾ of lots 8, 9 and 10 of Block 244, as shown on the map entitled Map of the Town of Newark, Alameda County, California, surveyed by T. P. Wilson, C. E. in 1876, and filed in the Recorder's office of said Alameda County on May 6 1878.

It is ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before the above entitled Court on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, in Department 4 of said Court to show cause, if any they can, why the said real estate above described should not be mortgaged, for the purpose of securing the sum of $1500 to renew the mortgages now subsisting thereon, as is more fully set forth in said petition reference to which is hereby made for further particulars.

And that a copy of this order be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks, in the WASHINGTON PRESS, a newspaper printed and published in said Alameda County.

Dated, September 10th 1897.
F. B. OGDEN,
Judge of the Superior Court.

Endorsed:
Filed September 10. 1897.
FRANK C. JORDAN, County Clerk.
By F. D. ADAMS, Deputy Clerk.
H. EMERSON, Attorney for Administratrix.



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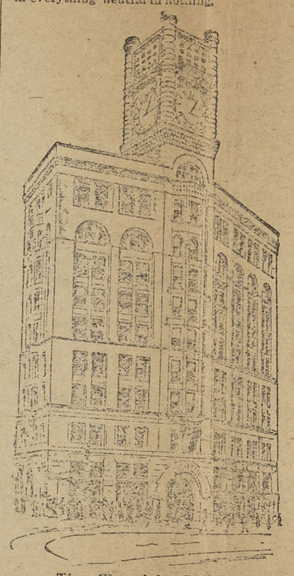
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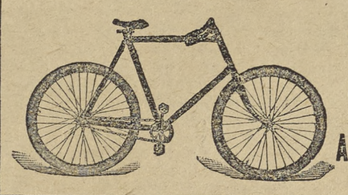
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THE VOICE OF THE CHARMER.

I.

"UPON my word it's too bad!" exclaimed Mr. Mainwaring, as having wished everybody good-morning he sat down to the breakfast table, and proceeded, before commencing that meal, to glance through his letters according to custom. "It really is too bad!" he repeated, crimsoning with indignation, and giving an angry stamp of his foot, in so doing treading on the foot of Jumbo, his wife's pet pug, and causing that much-pampered animal to give utterance to a loud yell, and retreat further under the table to the shelter of his mistress' petticoats.

"My dear," said Mrs. Mainwaring, pausing in the act of pouring out the squire's coffee, "what is the matter now? Nothing wrong with Sunbeam's little foal, I trust."

"No, thanks, my dear, not so bad as that," answered her husband, "but quite bad enough, in all conscience. It's that dreadful fellow Wilder, at the Lea farm, again. I wish to goodness he had never come near the place, with all my heart."

"Horrid man," agreed Mrs. Mainwaring. "I can't bear the sight of him. What has he done now, dear?"

"Done?" exclaimed her husband. "Why, stuck up barbed wire all over his farm, to be sure, and refuses to remove it on any pretense whatever, so Higgins writes me word.

"Here we have the hounds coming here on Thursday, and they find in Nightingale wood, as they are perfectly certain to do, for I know for a fact there are two or three foxes there, they are equally certain to run right across his land, and a pretty kettle of fish will be the result.

"Half the hounds maimed, and men and horses tumbling about in every direction."

"Oh! I can't bear the thoughts of it!"

"I shall simply have to ask Hartopp not to draw there, and a pretty fool I shall look. I really don't know what to do about it."

"Why not go and see the man yourself, and try and bring him to reason?" suggested his wife. "Surely, my dear, he would listen to you."

"Listen to me?" ejaculated the squire. "Not he. Besides, I know perfectly well what would be the result. He would meet my arguments with some of his republican sentiments, and I should lose my temper and make a fool of myself."

"Well," sighed his wife, "it's a very great pity, I'm sure. I only wish I knew what was best to be done. But never mind now, dear," she added, soothingly, "get on with your breakfast, and then afterward you can speak to Higgins again on the subject, and perhaps you will be able to devise some plan between you for bringing this horrid man Wilder to reason."

"And, pray, who may this horrid man Wilder be?" inquired a young and very pretty girl, who at this juncture entered the room and sat herself down at the breakfast table, after kissing both Mr. Mainwaring and his wife lovingly and wishing them "good-morning."

The squire looked affectionately into the fair questioner's face ere he answered her.

"Don't ask me, Gladys," said he laughingly; "don't ask if you love me. He has already spoiled my breakfast for me, and I feel perfectly certain that were I to tell you all about him he would spoil yours, and that would be a great pity, eh, my pretty niece?"

"It would, indeed," retorted the girl, "for I have such an appetite as never was. Joking apart, though, I am really curious, Uncle William," she continued, "so I will compromise with you—eat my breakfast first and you shall tell me afterward. Don't you think that a very fair arrangement, sir?"

The squire agreed at once to the terms, as, indeed, he would have to anything proposed by his favorite niece.

The only child of his one sister, lately dead, Gladys Onslow had taken up her permanent abode at Charlton Towers only three weeks ago, during which short period she had managed to convert every individual member of the establishment into being her devoted slave, including her uncle and aunt, who, childless as they were, quite looked upon her as their daughter.

As for the squire, he was perfectly helpless without her, and Miss Gladys was his constant companion wherever he went.

He declared she was a better judge of stock than his bailiff himself, and as for her knowledge of horseflesh, who was there about the place who could compete with her? And how she rode too! Many and many a time, when accompanying his niece in her rides, did her uncle regret that his salad days were over, and that he was no longer able to pilot her over this place and that, instead of looking on from the broad back of his favorite cob while she larked about at her own free will, for she was uncommonly fond of riding over a country, was Miss Gladys.

As her groom said, "The fence was never made yet that could stop his young lady when the hounds were running."

True to his promise, after breakfast the squire unbosomed himself to his niece with regard to his refractory tenant at the Lea farm—"the only farm, by the way, my dear," he added, "where I have not introduced you, for the very good reason why, because I have such a strong personal dislike to its tenant. I even avoid shooting over the place as much as possible, because I can't bear the sight of the fellow. Just fancy, my dear, afraid even to walk over my own property—my own property, forsooth. Nasty, cantankerous wretch!" wound up the squire in his wrath. "I wish somebody would knock him on the head. I do, indeed!"

"Fie, for shame, sir!" exclaimed his niece, laughing, putting her pretty hand over his mouth as she spoke.

"And his name is Wilder?" she continued, "and I knew such a dear old man of that name years ago—he was one of poor papa's tenants, indeed.

"I wonder now," she mused, "could it be the same man? He left to go to Australia, so I understood—for I was only a little girl at the time. And we were such friends, too!

"Uncle," exclaimed the girl, a flush of excitement coming over her face, "if you don't mind I will ride over this morning and see for myself.

"If it is the same man—and I have a very great idea it is, do you know—I will undertake that every bit of that horrid wire fencing is taken down between this and to-morrow morning. Say, I will even have a bet with you on the subject. Come, sir, what odds will you give me?"

"I won't bet. I utterly decline to bet, you little gambler," returned her laughing uncle, "for I hate losing money, but I will tell you what I will do, my Gladys, if you only succeed in your undertaking, I will give you the very best hunter or the prettiest bracelet that can be bought for money. I believe it's a real 'good thing' for you, too, you minx, you," he added, pulling her ear, "for now I come to think of it I believe I did hear that this objectionable tenant of mine had been in Australia before he came down here to sit upon my shouders like the old man of the sea."

"Don't say another word, dear uncle," cried Miss Gladys. "I haven't my betting book about me, so I seal the bargain with this kiss (suiting the action to the word), and now I'm off to put my habit on and order my horse."

"Good-by, dear, we shall meet again—not on the Rialto, but at luncheon," and bestowing another kiss on the enraptured old gentleman the lively girl rushed from the room.

II.

The stable clock was just striking half-past 1, simultaneously with the rumbling of the gong announcing the fact that luncheon was ready, as Gladys Onslow with her attendant groom came cantering through the park.

The squire, who had been waiting for her for the last half hour, seized a hat and rushed hastily out into the stable yard, where he knew she would dismount, to await her coming with mingled feelings of delight at her return, and curiously to know how she had succeeded on her mission of diplomacy with his refractory tenant.

"Here I am, uncle, safe and sound, you see, and I've had, oh! such a lark! Brilliant's legs are full of thorns, I fear, poor dear," exclaimed happy Gladys, her face flushed with pleasure and excitement, and looking prettier than ever.

Off her horse she jumped in her accustomed impetuous fashion, and, having administered her usual hug, she took her uncle's arm and ordered him to take her in to luncheon at once.

"Well, and how did you get on, my child?" inquired the squire.

"Not a word, sir, until I get into the dining-room, and then you shall hear it all," was the fair tyrant's reply.

"Why, by Jove! I do verily believe you've got over that old curmudgeon, you artful little minx, you!" exclaimed her uncle in great glee, hurrying her into the house as quickly as possible, all agog to hear her news.

Through some back passages they went, and then, opening a green baize door, found themselves in the entrance hall.

"Come, now," said the squire, as they entered the dining-room, where Mrs. Mainwaring was waiting for them; "I won't wait a moment longer; so tell your aunt and me all about the result of your ride this instant, miss, or I'll retract my promise of the diamond bracelet I made this morning."

"Listen, then, ladies and gentlemen—or, rather, I should say aunt and uncle," said the fair Gladys, standing in the center of the hearthrug and raising her whip to insure silence.

"What should you say if, paying a visit to the Lea farm to-morrow morning, you were to find that every vestige of barbed wire had disappeared from its fences? Would you allow that the persuasive powers of your devoted niece were somewhat of a higher order than usual?"

"By Jove, indeed I should!" burst forth her uncle. "But you don't mean to say it's a fact, Gladys, that you have actually got that old bear to do as you say, do you?"

"Indeed I do, uncle; and he's not a bear at all, allow me to say—only rather rough, that's all, poor man. Old John Wilder is as good a fellow as ever breathed, if you only humor him a little—as you must in future, uncle, if only for my sake."

"Well, wonders will never cease, that's very certain," said her uncle; "and how on earth you manage it," he continued, "I can't for the life of me imagine."

"I will tell you," said Miss Gladys. "Arrived at the ogre's castle, having carefully kept to the sides of the footpath all the way, partly from diplomacy, partly because I did not want either Brilliant or myself to be annoyed by barbed wire, I inquired of the maid servant who came to the door if Mr. Wilder was at home. He was round in the straw yard, she said, and she would go and fetch him, if I would wait a moment.

"I waited accordingly, and presently the ogre appeared. 'How do you do, Mr. Wilder?' I said. 'Your servant, miss,' answered he, his grim features relaxing a little, I fancied, as he looked me over. 'You don't recollect me, I see,' said I, 'but you and I are very old friends for all that, Mr. Wilder.' 'Old friends! Why, who be 'ee, then, in the name o' fortin'?' he replied, looking at me so hard, oh! so hard, uncle. 'Have you quite forgotten little Gladys Onslow, who you used to be so kind to when you lived at Hazeldean farm down in Warwickshire?' 'Forgotten? No!' he almost roared, 'and never shall, that's more! And you're her? Coom, off your horse this instant, my pretty, and into the house and have a talk wi' me over old times.' Oh, uncle the poor old man, do you know, was so pleased. When I got off my horse and when he held out his hand and I not only took it, but gave him a kiss into the bargain; he actually shed tears, he did indeed. Well, I went in and had a glass of milk, and we had such a talk of old times as never was. And when we had finished I told him what I had come about. He listened attentively, and then he said, 'And so you want the stuff—the darned stuff, he called it, uncle—down, do ee, my dear?' I replied that it certainly would please me very much, and you and everybody else as well. 'Don't say another word,' he exclaimed, 'every bit of it shall be off my farm before nightfall. I only wish you had got something harder to ask me.'

"There, uncle," wound up Gladys, "that's how it was done, as the conjurers say. Now, tell me what you think of my talents as a diplomatist, and, above all, your opinion of my dear old friend John Wilder."

"My dear," replied the squire, kissing his niece, "I think you ought to be a prime minister at least, and as for your friend John Wilder; my opinion of him is altogether altered. We'll both of us ride over and see him again this very afternoon, and I'll thank him myself."

"And now," said her uncle, rubbing his hands, "which is it to be, Gladys, a new hunter or a diamond bracelet?"—Chicago Chronicle.

HOW COOLEY WORKED.

Former Chief Justice of Michigan Tells of His Famous Colleague.

Judge John W. McGrath, who retired from the Chief Justiceship of the Michigan Supreme Court at the close of 1895, was seen by a correspondent and asked as to his belief in the cause of the physical and mental breakdown of ex-Justice Thomas M. Cooley, who is now in a private retreat at Flint. He was also asked if, in his opinion, jurists were particularly prone to collapse of that description.

Judge McGrath is a big man. His figure of more than six feet is as erect as in his young manhood, but snowy white hair and beard tell the work of Father Time. He is strong and vigorous himself, and while laughingly declaring that his work had left him without a scar, said:

"Poor Cooley; he is a victim of his own tremendous energy, without the physical strength to bear up under it. As a matter of fact, I doubt if any man could have stood it. While his work on the bench had something to do with his final breakdown, for it always was and always will be most arduous work, his labors off the bench were alone more than most men care to undertake.

"His works on constitutional law, on torts, his many magazine articles and the preparation of 'Cooley's Blackstone' were all completed while he was engaged on work that would have completely filled most men's time.

"I believe he worked eighteen hours a day. I know that while on the bench he not only was the first one to arise in his own home so as to work before breakfast, but that his work table was placed in his sitting-room so that he could continue the grind evenings, and at the same time partially enjoy the company of his family and friends. He would turn sometimes to join in their conversation, only to bury himself a moment later in his writing.

"While I believe the life span of jurists is probably as long as is that of any other profession similarly deprived of exercise and fresh air, I do think that for many years there has not been an occupant of the Michigan bench who has retired without the work having left its mark. This is owing largely to the fact that they have strained every nerve to keep their docket clear.

"This example was set by that great four, Cooley, Christiancy, Campbell and Graves. Christiancy and Campbell are dead, and Cooley's mind has failed, but Graves is a hale and hearty old gentleman living in Detroit. In Ohio and many other States the business of the State bench is behind two, three or more years, while here every case is heard when ready, no matter how great the strain, and opinions are also rushed out on the same schedule.

"As to Judge Cooley, I never knew a man of such intense mental activity, and his breakdown came solely as the result of overwork. He was always a man of spotless reputation and most correct habits, and no other cause can possibly be assigned. His work on the Interstate Commerce Commission, his last sustained effort, was, in my opinion, simply the last wrench."

Not in It.

Mrs. Callipers—"Are you going to invite Mrs. Fowler to your party. She seems to be such a pleasant little person."

Mrs. Justup—"Goodness, no! She's pleasant enough and all that, but I understand that her husband only gets a hundred dollars a month!"—Cleveland Leader.

A Definition.

"What is money?" asked the philosophical boarder, musingly.

"Money," replied the cynical boarder; "is what your rich relatives don't leave you."—Puck.

We believe that we would like jelly better if newspaper accounts of accidents didn't use the expression, "Crushed to jelly."

Old Glory.—Our flag is the symbol of intelligence, equality, freedom and Christian civilization.—Rev. J. O. Wilson, Methodist, New York City.

Amusement.—A certain amount of amusement is absolutely necessary to health and happiness. It is the spice of life. It gives zest to labor.—Rev. M. Benham, Presbyterian, Pittsburg, Pa.

Culture's Enemy.—Culture and ignorance from time immemorial have been at war. The one elevates and emancipates, while the other degrades and enthralls.—Rev. G. C. Houghton, Episcopalian, Hoboken, N. J.

Brotherhood.—In the true religion the open sign of fellowship is well-doing, and the servants of humanity, whatever their varying names and tongues, are brothers.—Rev. N. M. Mann, Unitarian, Omaha, Neb.

Mutual Help.—The nations go far and best when they are mutually helpful. Wealth or power gained by crushing or cheating a weaker power is no gain, but loss.—Rev. E. S. Todd, Methodist, Baltimore, Md.

Mormonism.—When Joseph Smith prophesied to his Mormon dupes that the day would come when he would be President of the United States he was a poor prophet.—Rev. S. W. Brown, Methodist, Kansas City.

Human Creation.—We might as well try to stop the incoming tide as to try to alter the generally accepted fact that the law of human creation was by development.—Rev. E. B. Warner, Episcopalian, New Orleans, La.

Profanity.—Americans are said to be the profanest people in the world. The men swear, the women swear, and children with the lisp hardly out of their speech swear.—Rev. F. M. Goodchild, Baptist, New York City.

Sons and Fathers.—Those of the younger generation are no longer satisfied with the simple recording of their father's deeds. As their fathers were men of action and conviction, so would they be.—Rev. Lyman Ward, Universalist, New York City.

Missionary Work.—The devotion to a sublime standard is the only motive that can sustain the missionary spirit in the inevitable hardships and sacrifices that attend the preaching of the gospel to the heathen.—Father Joseph V. O'Connor, Catholic, Philadelphia, Pa.

Woman's Way.—The best service possible to any woman, however richly dowered, is to do womanly things in a womanly way, thus illustrating in her life and character the loftiest type of womanhood.—Rev. Arthur Little, Baptist, Dorchester, Mass.

Marriage.—There are tricks in love as well as in trade. One of them is to make things seem to be what they are not. As you value your life, young woman, do not marry a manikin, a hatter's show block, a tailor's lay figure.—Rev. Madison C. Peters, Reformed, New York City.

Yellow Journalism.—A stamp of newspaper is being spread broadcast over the land which not only is a disgrace to the high vocation of the press, but is debasing the tastes, destroying the loftier aspirations and ruining the souls of thousands upon thousands.—Rev. Robert L. McFarlane, Episcopalian, Medina, Ohio.

VICTIM OF THE X RAY.

Young Woman Is Terribly Burned and Made Bald by Its Intense Power.

Miss Josie McDonald of New York has had a strange experience with the X rays, and her pitiable condition is evidence of their terrible power. Miss McDonald had some teeth drawn and a violent pain in the jaw followed which the dentist could not account for. He took her to a laboratory where a photograph of her jaw was taken by the rays, the sitting lasting ten minutes. This photograph was somewhat blurred and a second was taken, the exposure of her cheek to the rays lasting fifteen minutes. The effect was soon after evident in the unnatural redness of the cheek and bloodshot eyes, and the next day the pain was so intense as to make her hysterical. Her face, too, was almost black, and her hair began to fall out.

BURNED BY THE X RAYS.

Her family physician, Dr. Griswold, who was called, says the extent of the blistering is most remarkable. It runs down the neck, through the linen of the high collar. The discoloration is still very marked, and the doctor cannot say whether the hair will grow again. All of it on one side of her head has completely fallen off.

The Liquor Problem.

"I wouldn't of swiped the ham," said the contrite prisoner, "but I was half drunk."

"Ah!" said the city missionary.

"That's what done it. If I had of been paralyzed, as I ought of been at that time o' night, I wouldn't of got into trouble."—Indianapolis Journal.

Getting Down to Business.

"Have you made any new discoveries to-day with reference to that case we're working on?" inquired one detective.

"Not yet," replied the other. I haven't had time to read the newspapers."—Washington Star.

Then He Dodged.

Bacon—They had a fire down at Brickabrak's yesterday, and what do you suppose was the last thing they got out?"

Egbert—I don't know.

"Why, the fire, of course."—Yonkers Statesman.

LADIES WHO STOLE.

Strange Tales Are Told of Our Ancestors of Washington's Time.

We naturally have a very exalted opinion of the aristocracy of our country and can scarcely be convinced that the ladies of society in the early days of independence conducted themselves in any but the most dignified manner. Indeed some of their descendants would feel highly elated to know that they in any wise resemble their supposed courtly ancestors. It is to be hoped that they are not kin to the personages referred to in the following complaint:

One of our early statesmen actually complains that "between tippee beaux and fashionable belles an honest fellow will stand a good chance of being fleeced by the politest tissue of mistakes conceivable. The gentleman will help himself very casually to your hat if it is better than his, take up your umbrella with the most absent air imaginable, bear off your loose coat without once perceiving his mistake and pick up your gloves, 'they so much resemble his.'"

And now for the ladies' part in this proceeding:

"The lady will borrow your penknife, very accidentally put your pocket handkerchief into her muff or playfully take your ring from your finger or breastpin from your bosom, all as innocently as though it was the very thing you called upon her for, so that between ladies and gentlemen you will stand a good chance of being turned out, stripped of all your possessions, according to the newest rules of etiquette."—Philadelphia Press.

Kipling's Famous Poem.

It is the sentiment, says Arlo Bates in The Atlantic, and not the object, which arouses sympathy and kindles the imagination. No mistake could be more complete than to suppose that in this poem is to be found any argument in favor of the use of machinery as material for poetry. In "McAndrew's Hymn" it is the character of the stanch old engineer and his feelings by which the reader is moved. The wonders of the great engine are a hindrance, and not a help, if they are looked at in any way other than through the eyes of McAndrew. The piece succeeds or fails to the degree in which it makes his emotion real and contagious to the reader, and that, too, as emotion pure and simple, quite without regard to what has excited it. In so far as the attention is caught by tailrod, crank throws, feeding pump and "purrin dynamos"—finely suggestive as is the epithet in this last—the emotional effect is weakened at the expense of the intellectual.

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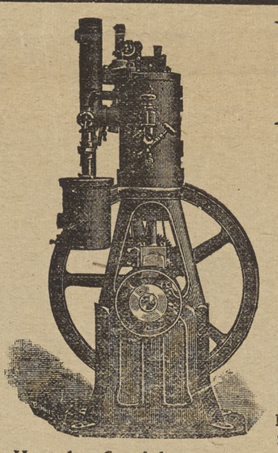

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